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(Attorney Docket No. 01-1096)

In re Application of:

Fritz et al.) Examiner S. Chunduru
Serial No. 09/780,206)
Filed: February 9, 2001) Group Art Unit:1656
For: System for Simple Nucleic)
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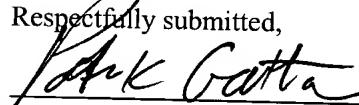
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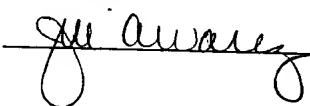
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED JANUARY 14, 2003

In response to the Office Action mailed January 14, 2003, please enter the following Amendment and consider the following Remarks.

AMENDMENT

In the Claims:

A marked-up version of the amended claim showing changes made is attached as Appendix A.

A clean version of all the claims is attached as Appendix B.

Please amend claim 36 as follows beginning on the next page:

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